

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested in light of the remarks made herein.

Claims 6-12 are pending and stand rejected.

Claims 6-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Office Action states that the claims are rejected because "each of the steps can be practiced mentally in conjunction with pen and paper." Claim 12 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with, and explicitly traverses, the reason for rejecting the claims. However, in order to advance the prosecution of this matter, claims 6 and 12 have been amended to more clearly state the invention. Applicants contend that claims 6 and 12 are compliant with 35 U.S.C. 101 and MPEP 706.03(a). Accordingly, applicants request removal of this rejection.

Claims 6-12 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Perkowski et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,064,979).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with, and explicitly traverses, the examiner's reason for rejecting the claims.

Claim 6 recites:

6. A method of enabling a user interface device to retrieve information and applications on a network comprising:

retrieving content from one or more data sources, and

presenting the retrieved content to the user interface device, wherein the retrieved content presented to a user includes information concerning network applications and/or services, said information being retrieved on the basis of a dedicated and searchable meta data category relating to and provided by the network application and/or service, wherein said meta data category includes a task-description language application to specify types of network applications and services, the meta data category describes the functionality of said network site as one or more functional identifiers.

Perkowski teaches a method and system for finding and serving consumer product information over the Internet using manufacturer identification numbers. Perkowski uses a database that stores a plurality of manufacturer identification numbers assigned to plurality of manufacturers of consumer products, URLs and product number. The system uses the stored information when a user product request is received to provide URL information to the user (See Abstract). Thus, Perkowski teaches a system that requires product and URL information to be stored in a directory which then can be accessed by a user.

Applicants can find nothing in Perkowski that teaches the limitations of: "... said information being retrieved on the basis of a dedicated and searchable meta data category relating to and provided by the network application and/or service, wherein said meta data category includes a task-description language application to specify types of network applications and services, the meta data category describes the functionality of said network site as one or more functional identifiers."

The Final Office Action points to fig. 2A2, the URL field, and col. 12, lines 20-67 to col. 13, lines 1-38, to show these limitations. Applicant respectfully disagrees and explicitly traverses.

Perkowski in col. 12, lines 20-67 to col. 13, lines 1-38, teaches that the database contains a plurality of URLs, each pointing to a different aspects of a product, e.g. product specification, update information, etc., and not a meta data category to specify types of web applications and services that describes the functionality of said Web site as one or more functional identifiers. Further a URL is, in general, a technique for indicating the name and location of Internet resources. The URL specifies the name and type of the resource, as well as the computer, device and directory where the resource may be found. Applicants can find nothing in Perkowski that teaches the use of *a dedicated and searchable meta data category for use by a Web site.*

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element recited therein is expressly or inherently described in a single prior art reference. Perkowski cannot be said to anticipate the present invention, because Perkowski fails to disclose each and every element recited. As shown, Perkowski fails to disclose "a meta data category, for use by the Web site to describe information therein..." as is recited in the claims.

Having shown that Perkowski fails to disclose each and every element claimed, applicant submits that the reason for the examiner's rejection of the claim has been overcome and can no longer be sustained. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claim.

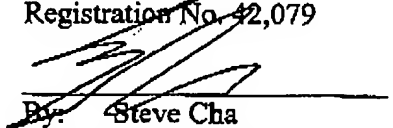
With regard to claims 7-11, these claims depend from independent claim 6, which has been shown to be allowable in view of the cited reference. Accordingly, claims 6-11 are also allowable by virtue of its dependence from an allowable base claim.

With regard to claim 12, the examiner rejected this claim citing the same reference used in rejecting claims 6-11. Thus, applicant's remarks made in response to the examiner's rejection of claims 6-11 are also applicable in response to the examiner's rejection of claim 12. Accordingly, applicant submits that in view of the remarks made with regard to the rejection of claims 6-11, which are repeated herein in response to the rejection of claim 12, the examiner's reasons for rejecting claim 12 has been overcome and the rejection can no longer be sustained. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claim.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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